

REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 8 FIRST QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison
Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 8 during first quarter 2002 was 113,665, an increase of 0.3% from the same period in 2001, and a decrease of 2.4% from fourth quarter 2001. Employment increased in six of the 20 NAICS sectors during first quarter 2002.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, first quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 66. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 8 with 19,319 employees, or 17% of total employment. Ouachita was the leading parish with 71,986 employees, or 63.3% of total employment.

Total wages increased 3.8% from the same period in 2001 and decreased by 7.1% from fourth quarter 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$476.91. Jackson parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$527.77.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 8 is listed in the following table. The average weekly wage data for all parishes

within each NAICS sector is shown in the table, "Regional Labor Market Area 8" beginning on page 68.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Caldwell	\$ 398.31
East Carroll	372.51
Franklin	347.24
Jackson	527.77
Madison	394.84
Morehouse	492.54
Ouachita	511.50
Richland	395.43
Tensas	381.32
Union	392.52
West Carroll	372.98

The number of reporting units in RLMA 8 for first quarter 2002 was 7,753.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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